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ALLARD PRAISES EFFORTS OF COLORADANS IN APPREHENSION OF 'TEXAS SEVEN'

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) took a few minutes on the floor of the U.S. Senate Wednesday afternoon to recognize the efforts of local law enforcement officials and citizens who played a key role in the apprehension of the 'Texas Seven' last week in Colorado.

"There cannot be enough said about the work that was done by the law enforcement agencies and citizens involved in the apprehension of the 'Texas Seven' last week in Colorado," Allard said. "The El Paso County Sheriff's office, the Teller County Sheriff's office, the Colorado Springs Police Department, the Woodland Park Police Department and the Colorado State Patrol did a tremendous job of working together to apprehend these seven fugitives."

Allard also singled out the sacrifice of Colorado State Trooper Jason Manspeaker and Irving, Texas Police officer Aubrey Hawkins who lost their lives in the line of duty, and KKTU's news anchor Eric Singer who assisted police by conducting a telephone interview with the last two fugitives in order to ensure a peaceful surrender.

"In all the excitement and joy over the successful apprehension of the 'Texas Seven,' we should not forget that two law enforcement agents lost their lives in this man hunt," added Allard. "Colorado State Trooper Jason Manspeaker and Irving Police Officer Audrey Hawkins lost their lives in the line of duty. My wife Joan and I offer all our compassion, our sympathy and our prayers to the families and friends of both victims."

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